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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Masatoshi Nakayama Serial No.: 10/617,560 Filed: July 11, 2003 For: THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME AND MAGNETIC DISK DEVICE USING THE SAME Group Art Unit: 2651

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Examiner: Robert S. Tupper

Sir:

This paper is in response to the official action of May 27, 2005, requiring restriction between product claims 1-4 and 9 (Group I) and method claims 5-8 (Group II).

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In response, applicants through their undersigned attorney, hereby elect product claims 1-4 and 9 (Group I).

Respectfully submitted,

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